

only brought a friendly and welcoming smile to patrons, but a legacy for hotels around the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean.

While being the only Mississippian to serve as President and Chairman of the Board of the American Hotel and Motel Association, Doug implemented his world renowned program "Quest for Quality." This has not been Doug's only contribution to society. He has held many positions of leadership, including residing over such community service organizations as the Jackson County Heart Fund, Rotary Club, United Way of Jackson County, and many others.

Doug has dedicated himself to economically develop his Gulf Coast community by working to establish the Mobile-Pascagoula Airport, Naval Station Pascagoula, the Sunplex Industrial Center, and again many others. He also chaired the committee to "Save the Homeport" from base closures for many years. Currently, Doug is serving on the Board of Directors of the Hancock Band, a position he has held for more than 27 years, and serves as a lifetime Director of the American Hotel and Motel Association.

On October 23, 1998, the Mississippi Hotel and Motel Association will establish a Hotel and Restaurant Scholarship in his name. This great honor could not be bestowed upon a finer person. An opportunity for future members of the industry, this serves as a deserving tribute to Doug, his wife Lou, and their children and grandchildren. I am proud to congratulate this great Mississippian.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today I want to congratulate the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) as its 100th anniversary approaches. One of the Nation's leading membership organizations—representing some 30,000 independent pharmacies across the United States—NCPA will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 17th. It is an honor to celebrate this landmark with NCPA and recognize professionals who truly exemplify high quality, patient-focused health care.

Throughout its 100 years of service, NCPA has been a respected voice in the public policy arena—not only as a highly effective advocate for community pharmacists, but as the link to individual pharmacists with the demonstrated expertise and front-line experience required to help evaluate policy options.

I'd like to take a few moments to recognize the enormous contributions of the men and women NCPA represents: local, community pharmacists. They play a critical role in our nation's health care delivery system through careful drug monitoring serv-

ices, personalized service, coordination with other health providers and services, and community-oriented care.

Each year, millions of Americans purchase prescription and non-prescription medications at their local pharmacy, where an on-site pharmacist can help them select the medication that is most appropriate and prevent harmful drug interactions. Pharmacists have the experience and expertise to help consumers face an intimidating array of medication options. They prevent the wasteful spending and pain and suffering associated with drug complications.

Community pharmacists provide personalized care, and offer a friendly, neighborhood presence for individuals facing illness and disease. An NCPA membership survey shows that 98 percent of independent pharmacists counsel patients face-to-face on prescription medications and make recommendations on over-the-counter drugs and general health care issues, and 97 percent maintain patient profiles. As more drugs are offered through the mail and without the opportunity to meet personally with a pharmacist, community pharmacists provide reassurance and inspire the confidence of those they serve.

Community pharmacists play a crucial role in local health care delivery systems, by coordinating with other health professionals, promoting public health, and educating consumers on pharmaceutical and health issues. Many independent pharmacists report meeting regularly with local physicians on drug therapy and pharmacy services. In addition, they educate and assist their customers with the management of ongoing and chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

Independent community pharmacies are primarily family businesses, and they have roots in America's communities. They are owned by civic leaders who are actively involved in a variety of community-oriented public health, civic, and volunteer projects. Many hold local elected or appointed offices. Public service and commitment to community are hallmarks of independent pharmacy.

For all of these reasons, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to independent, community pharmacists and the organization that represents them. Through integrity, expertise and tenacity in the face of dramatic changes in our health care system, community pharmacists have inspired the confidence and trust of millions of Americans. Our Nation is truly well served by them.

THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I would like to make a brief comment, on the appropriations process, and to express some concerns which I have about the procedures where some of the legislative proposals have not been

considered in regular order and in due course—specifically, the legislation on the appropriations bill for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

In articulating these concerns, I understand the tremendous pressures which have been presented to leadership to conclude our session with the target date of October 9.

The Constitution gives to the Congress the authority and responsibility of the appropriations process. And that customarily proceeds with action in the appropriations subcommittee, then the appropriations full committee, then the full body of the Senate, where Senators have an opportunity to comment on the legislation and to offer amendments, and then, when acted upon, goes to a conference in the House of Representatives, which has followed the same pattern—consideration of the subcommittee, full committee, and by the House, and then the conference committee.

That process has been short-circuited this year without having the legislation, the appropriations bill on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, come to the Senate floor. We have sought a conference with our distinguished House Members—Congressman PORTER, who chairs the House equivalent of the subcommittee, and Congressman OBEY, the ranking minority leader—along with Senator TOM HARKIN, my distinguished ranking member of the subcommittee.

It would be my hope that as we proceed with the business of the Senate in future years, we would be able to proceed in regular order so that the Senate has an opportunity to consider the measure, Senators offer amendments, and go through the regular procedure on the House-Senate conference.

CHRISTOPHER HAYES HONORED BY NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, next week, on October 14th, the National Crime Prevention Council will honor Christopher F. Hayes of Boston as one of the seven recipients of this year's Ameritech Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership, courage, and dedication to crime prevention in their neighborhoods, states, or nationally.

This honor is a well-deserved tribute to Christopher Hayes and his 13-year career as Founder and Director of the Neighborhood Crime Watch Unit of the Boston Police Department.

Mr. Hayes founded the Neighborhood Crime Watch Unit in 1985 as a one-person organization based on the philosophy that the key to crime prevention is to rely on connections from neighbor to neighbor. He urged people to work together and with the police to create innovative solutions for reducing local crimes. The initial model for his crime watch group was simple phone tree and